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1. The Union Civica Radical (UCR; Radical Party) continues to be divided into two groups, namely, the Unionists and the Intransigents. The Unionist group, which is in the majority and which adheres to the traditional doctrine of the UCR, is trying to win back the dissident Intransigents. [REDACTED] the Unionists use demagoguery and promote hatred of foreign elements, especially the economic and political policies of the United States. Source feels that in the appeal to demagoguery and the hate campaign the Unionists do not differ essentially from the methods of the Peronists Party.
2. The most popular leader of the Unionists is Ricardo Balbin, who is supported by Deputies Arturo Frondizi, Raul L. Uranga, and others. [REDACTED] feels that Balbin is a very capable person, who knows how to reach the people, but that he tries to be overly theatrical and imitative of Benito Mussolini. The Unionists believe that they can overthrow Peron without the help of any other political party.
3. Unionists and Intransigents are presently campaigning within the ranks of the UCR for the election of party leaders. [REDACTED] is confident that the Unionists will win and that the UCR will be consolidated into a unified party. The consolidation of Radicalism is vitally necessary, according to source, because the internal struggle within the UCR has impeded the preparation of plans for a possible coup against Peron.

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